

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1           1.       A method for facilitating vehicle ingress and egress with a vehicle including at  
2       least one row of back seats coupled to the vehicle in a seat track and having a vehicle  
3       stadium/slide seat system, with each back seat having a seat cushion and seat back, the  
4       method comprising the steps of:  
5               manipulating a flip-forward mechanism associated with at least one of the  
6       back seats;  
7               rotating the seat cushion; and  
8               moving the back seat in the seat track to a pre-selected position.
- 1           2.       The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-selected position is one of an easy-  
2       entry position and a design position.
- 1           3.       The method of claim 1, including the step of locking the back seat in the pre-  
2       selected position.
- 1           4.       The method for facilitating stowing of the back seats of a vehicle having at  
2       least one row of back seats coupled to the vehicle in a seat track ,with each back seat having a  
3       seat cushion and seat back, the method comprising the steps of:  
4               manipulating a stow lever associated with at least one of the back seats; and  
5               rotating the seat back to a position adjacent to the seat cushion.
- 1           5.       The method of claim 4, including the step of rotating the seat back to a design  
2       position.
- 1           6.       The method of claim 4, including the step of moving the seat along the seat  
2       track to a pre-selected position.
- 1           7.       The method of claim 6, including the step of locking the seat in the pre-  
2       selected position.

1           8.       A vehicle stadium/slide seat system mounted on one side of a vehicle seat,  
2 with the vehicle seat coupled to a vehicle in a seat track and with the vehicle seat having a  
3 seat cushion and a seat back, the vehicle stadium/slide seat system comprising:

4                   a flip-forward mechanism comprising:

5                         a linkage assembly coupled to the seat track;

6                         a seat bracket coupled to the linkage assemble and the seat  
7 cushion;

8                         and

9                         an easy-entry lever coupled to the linkage assembly and  
10 configured to release a track engagement device coupled to the  
11 linkage assembly, wherein the vehicle seat can be moved to one  
12 of a design position and an easy-entry position;

13                   and

14                   a stow lever coupled to the seat back and configured to lock and  
15 release the seat back and allow the seat back to rotate to one of a  
16 design position and a stowed position.

1           9.       The vehicle stadium/slide seat system of claim 8, wherein the vehicle  
2 stadium/slide seat system is configured to operate from either side of the vehicle seat.

1           10.      The vehicle stadium/slide seat system of claim 8, including a locking device to  
2 lock the seat in a position along the seat track.